

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on March 17, 2009. In response to the Election/Restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention identified as "Group IV." The Applicants agree that claims 25-39 read on the elected invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper, at least to the extent that Group III (claims 23 and 24) and Group IV (claims 25-39) are identified as separate inventions. Consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.475, unity of invention requirements are satisfied if the claims are drawn only to "(2) A product and a process for use of said product".

Claim 25 recites a reader for reading an identifier and a processor arranged to compare the identifier with a list and generate an invalid indication if there is a match. Claim 23 recites a method of operating a printing apparatus comprising reading an identifier, comparing the identifier with a list, and generating an invalid indication if there is a match. Inasmuch as claims 23 and 24 recite a process for use of the product recited in at least claim 25, the unity of invention requirements are believed to be satisfied as between Groups III and IV.

Claims 1-20 have been previously canceled. Claims 21, 22, and 40-52 are hereby withdrawn, without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to these withdrawn claims. In the event the election/restriction requirement is maintained as between Groups III and IV, the Applicants would additionally withdraw claims 23 and 24, without prejudice. However, it is respectfully requested that the election/restriction requirement as between Groups III and IV be withdrawn.

Amendment dated April 17, 2009

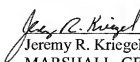
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It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with the present Amendment.

However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,



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